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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a time frame for the employment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of participants in the Health Professionals Scholarship Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2025

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona (for himself and Ms. BUDZINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 5, 2025]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Health Professionals*
5 *Scholarship Program Improvement Act of 2025” or the*
6 *“HPSP Improvement Act of 2025”.*

7 **SEC. 2. TIME FRAME FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PARTICIPANTS**

8 **IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

9 **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP PRO-**

10 **GRAM.**

11 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7616 of title 38, United*
12 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*
13 *new subsection:*

14 *“(d)(1) The Secretary shall ensure that a participant*
15 *in the Scholarship Program receives a contract for employ-*
16 *ment in the full-time clinical practice of such participant’s*
17 *profession at a Department facility with the highest need,*
18 *as determined by the Secretary, by not later than 90 days*
19 *after the later of the following dates:*

20 *“(A) The date on which the participant com-*
21 *pletes the course in the Scholarship Program.*

22 *“(B) The date on which participant obtains all*
23 *required licensure, certification, or credentialing nec-*
24 *essary to practice independently in their field.*

1 “(2) *A contract referred to in paragraph (1) shall in-*
2 *clude a competitive salary and benefits package consistent*
3 *with the employment standards of the Department.*”.

4 (b) *REPORT.—*

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*
6 *the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180*
7 *days thereafter until the termination date specified in*
8 *paragraph (2), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
9 *submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the*
10 *Senate and House of Representatives a report on the*
11 *implementation of subsection (d) of section 7616 of*
12 *title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection*
13 *(a).*

14 (2) *TERMINATION DATE.—The termination date*
15 *specified in this paragraph is September 30, 2027.*

16 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN FACILITIES OF THE**
17 **VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

18 (a) *PROHIBITION.—Section 1715 of title 38, United*
19 *States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

20 **“§ 1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the**
21 **Veterans Health Administration**

22 *“(a) PROHIBITION.—No person (including any vet-*
23 *eran, patient, resident, employee of the Department, con-*
24 *tractor, or visitor) may smoke on the premises of any facil-*
25 *ity of the Veterans Health Administration.*

1 “(b) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

2 “(1) *The term ‘smoke’ includes—*

3 “(A) *the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and*
4 *any other combustion or heating of tobacco; and*

5 “(B) *the use of any electronic nicotine deliv-*
6 *ery system, including electronic or e-cigarettes,*
7 *vape pens, and e-cigars.*

8 “(2) *The term ‘facility of the Veterans Health*
9 *Administration’ means any land or building (includ-*
10 *ing any medical center, nursing home, domiciliary*
11 *facility, outpatient clinic, or center that provides re-*
12 *adjustment counseling) that is—*

13 “(A) *under the jurisdiction of the Depart-*
14 *ment of Veterans Affairs;*

15 “(B) *under the control of the Veterans*
16 *Health Administration; and*

17 “(C) *not under the control of the General*
18 *Services Administration.”.*

19 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

20 (1) *TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections*
21 *at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amend-*
22 *ed by striking the item relating to section 1715 and*
23 *inserting the following:*

“1715. *Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the Veterans Health Administra-*
tion.”.

24 (2) *CONFORMING REPEAL.—*

1 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 526 of the Vet-
2 *erans Health Care Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–*
3 *585; 38 U.S.C. 1715 note) is repealed.*

4 (B) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of
5 *contents of such Act is amended by striking the*
6 *item relating to such section.*